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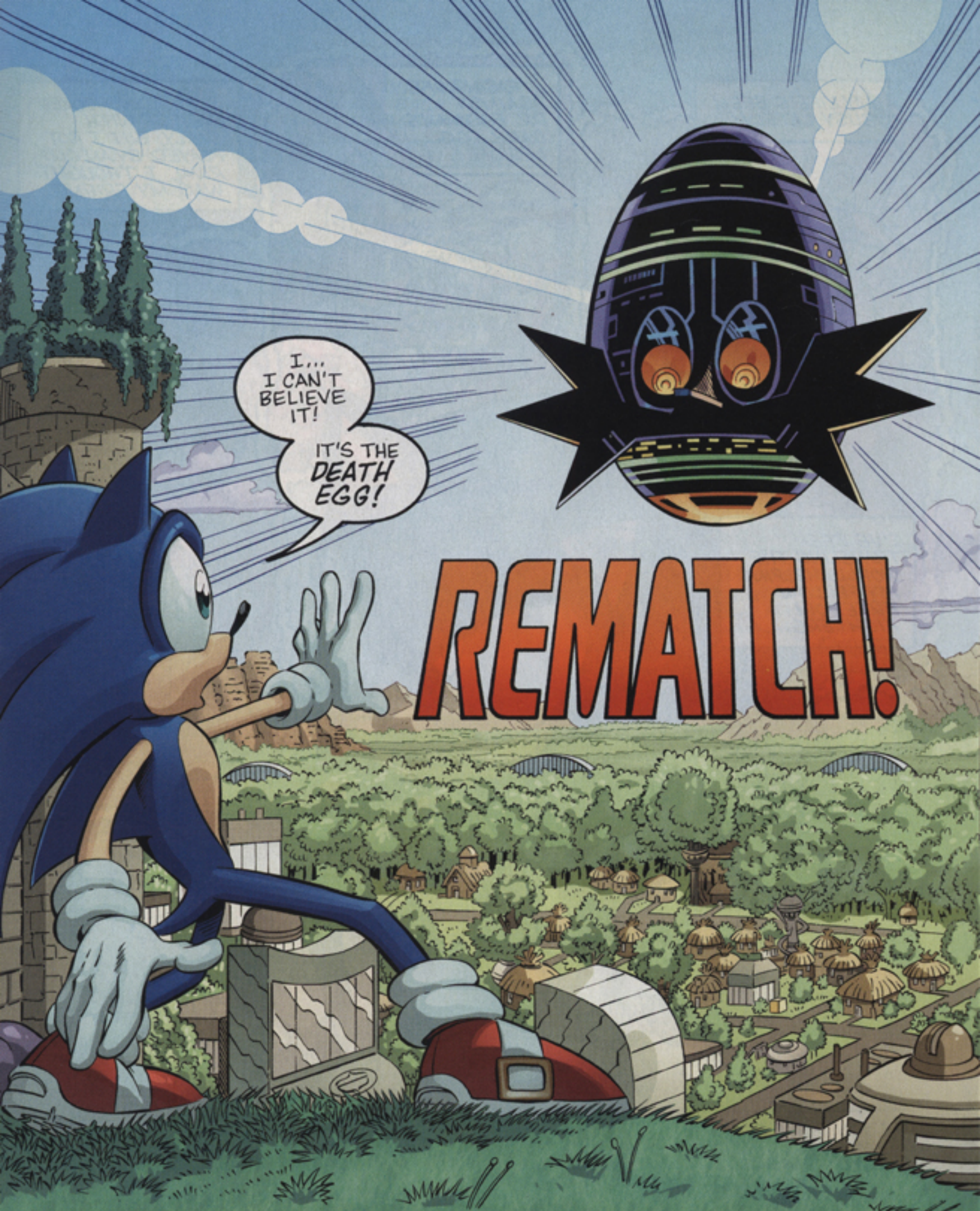
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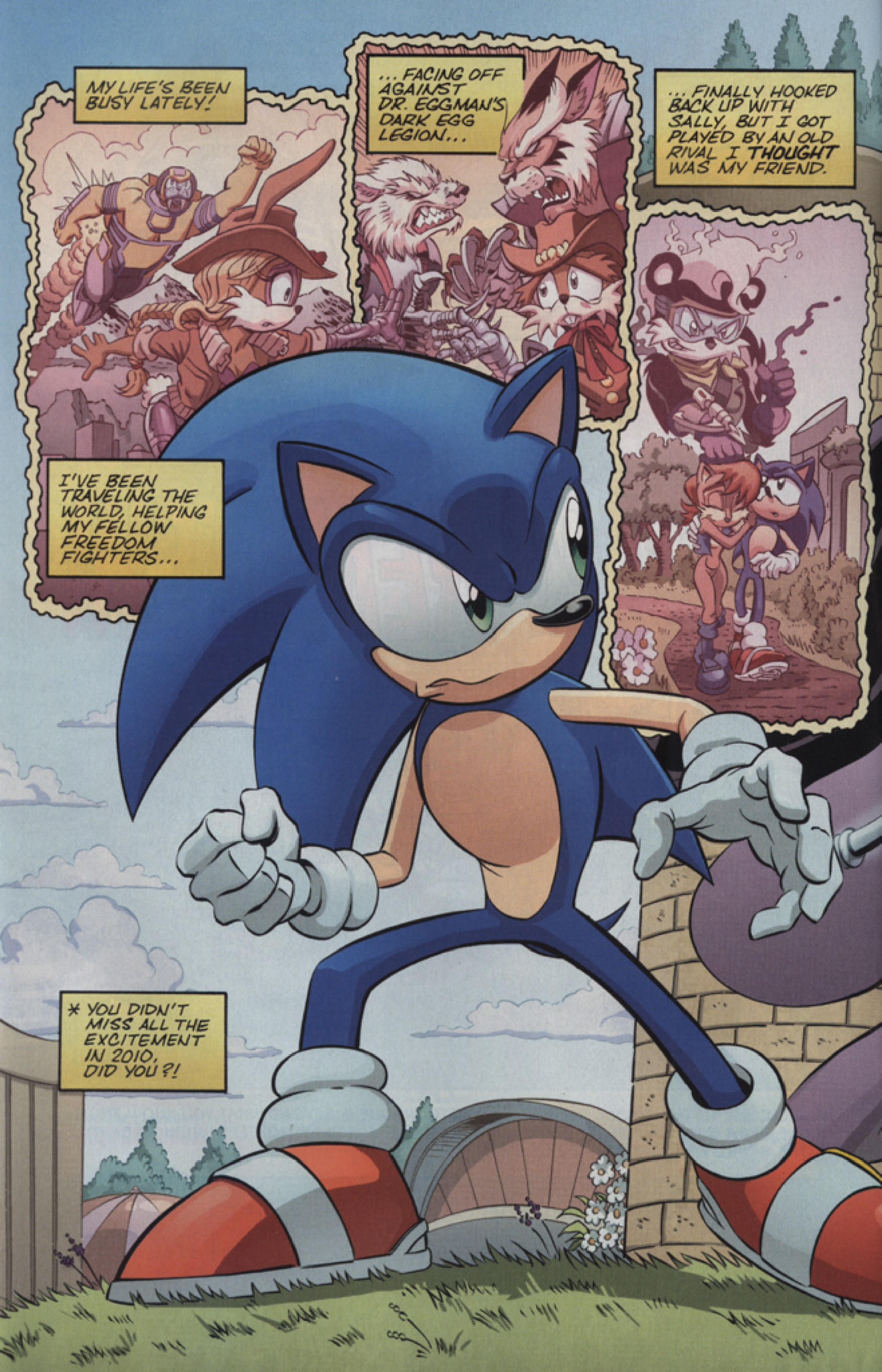
MY LIFE'S BEEN
BUSY LATELY!

... FACING OFF
AGAINST
DR. EGGMAN'S
DARK EGG
LEGION...

... FINALLY HOOKED
BACK UP WITH
SALLY, BUT I GOT
PLAYED BY AN OLD
RIVAL I THOUGHT
WAS MY FRIEND.

I'VE BEEN
TRAVELING THE
WORLD, HELPING
MY FELLOW
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS...

* YOU DIDN'T
MISS ALL THE
EXCITEMENT
IN 2010,
DID YOU ?!



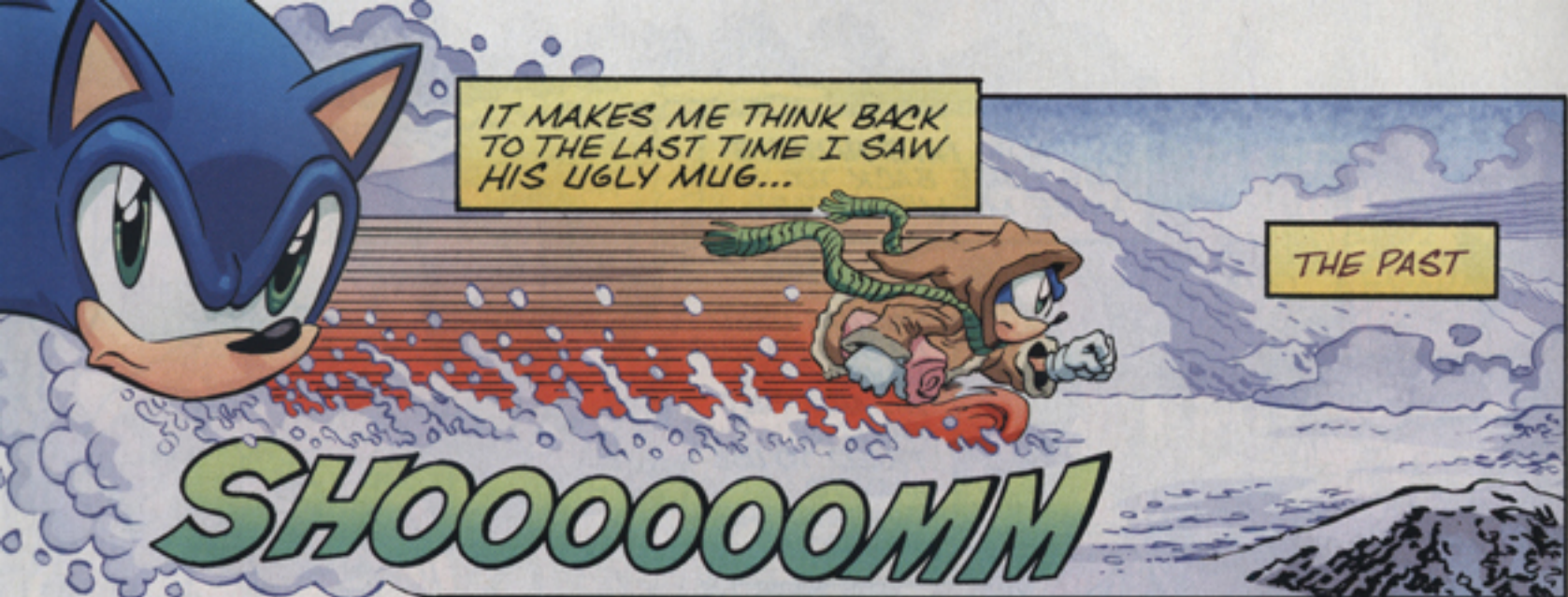


AND NOW IXIS NAUGUS
HAS COME BACK TO
MAKE ME MISERABLE!

NAUGUS USED
TO BE OLD KING
MAX'S ROYAL
WIZARD, BUT
THEN HE
TRIED TO USE
MAX TO
CONTROL THE
KINGDOM.

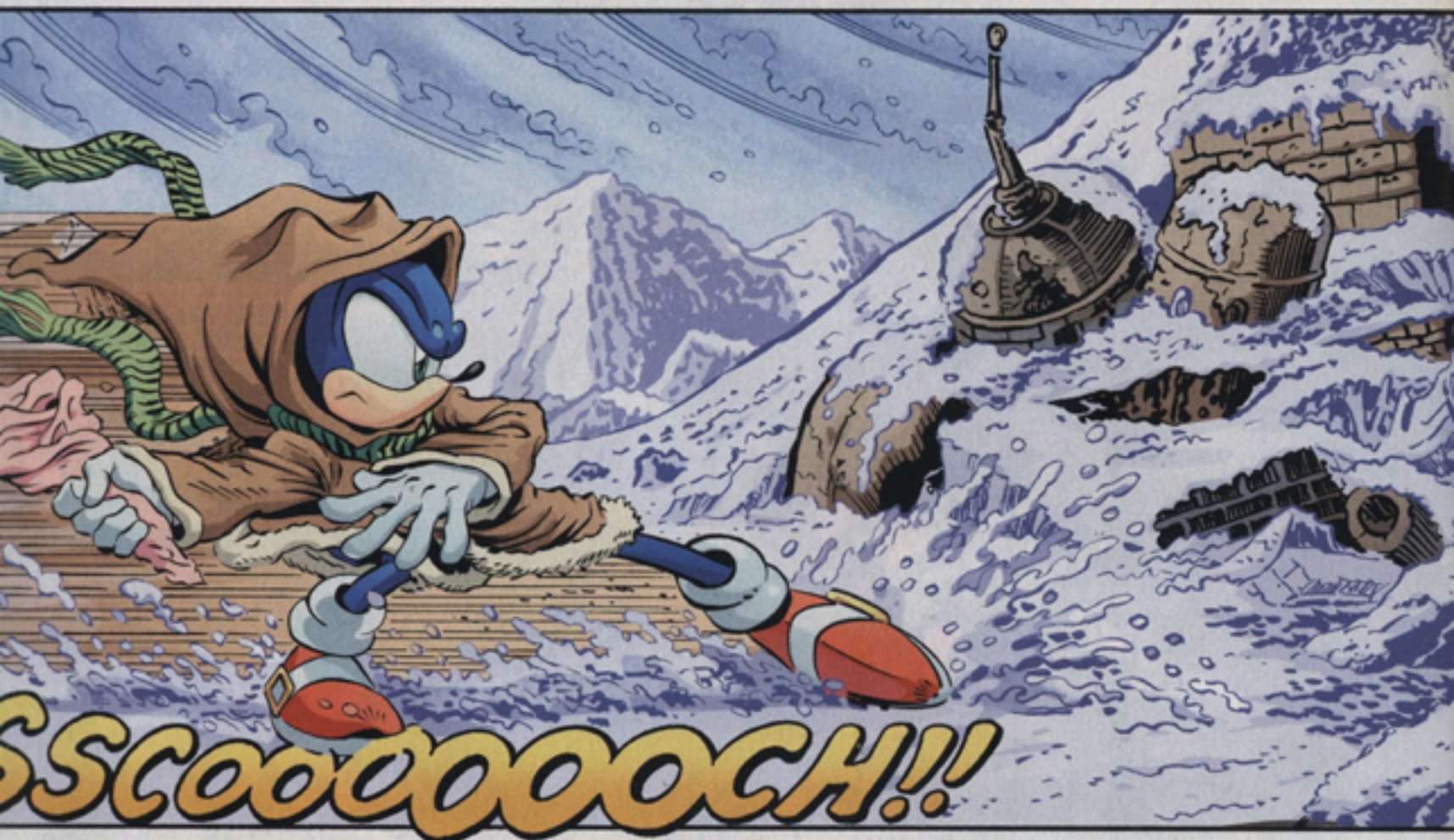
AFTER TANGLING
WITH DR. EGGMAN,
NAUGUS LOST
HIS MIND.
I THOUGHT
HE WAS STUCK
AS A DROOLING
MONSTER...

... BUT NOW HE'S
BACK AT FULL POWER...
AND HE'S STILL
AFTER THE KINGDOM!



IT MAKES ME THINK BACK
TO THE LAST TIME I SAW
HIS UGLY MUG...

THE PAST



IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
THE HUNT
FOR NAUGUS
BROUGHT
ME AND TAILS
HERE.



WE FOUGHT HIM
TO A STANDSTILL...

... ONLY FOR YOU
TO TRULY SAVE
THE DAY--
AND US.



I GOT
THESE HERE
SO FAST...



...THE
FROST
HASN'T
TOUCHED
THEM.

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THAT,
EDDY?

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS.



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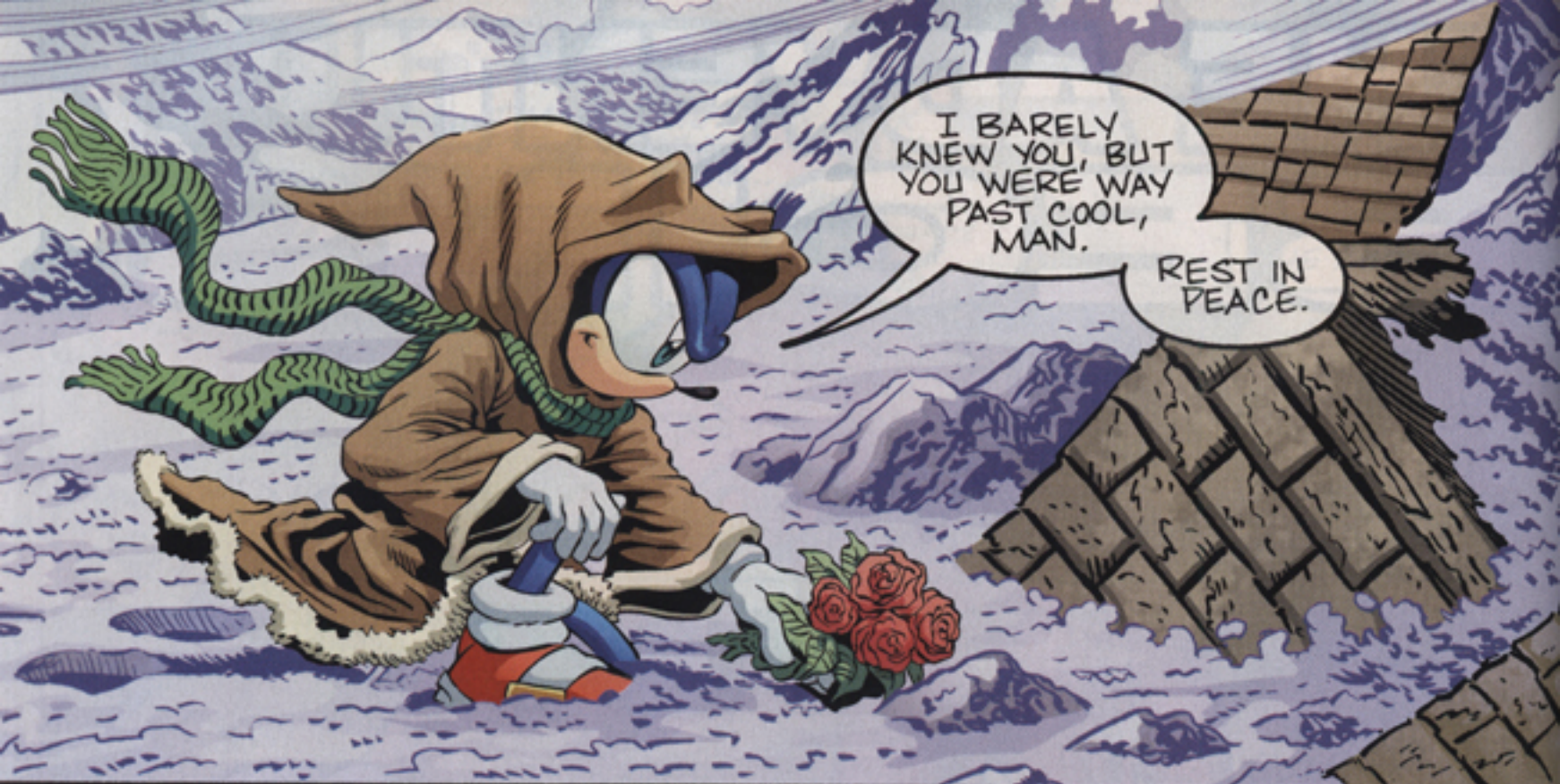
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OH!

IT'S THE
LEFTOVERS FROM ALL
OF NATE MORGAN'S
RING-SMITHING!

I THOUGHT
WE'D USED THEM
ALL UP IN OUR
FIGHT WITH...



... IXIS
NAUGUS?!

NO WAY!



NO
TIME TO
WASTE!

HEY,
GRUESOME!



LONG
TIME NO--
ACK!

RIPP!



THE
QUICKSTER?!

THEN LET
US STILL THOSE
TROUBLESOME
FEET!



THIS
IS GOING
WELL.

WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?

I THOUGHT
YOU'D BEEN BLASTED
BACK TO YOUR
SPOOKY
DIMENSION?

OH, I
WAS!

BUT I WAS STILL EMPOWERED
BY **THOUSANDS** OF MAGIC RINGS.
I USED THAT POWER TO CONJURE
A PORTAL BACK INTO THIS WORLD.

DO YOU
SEE?

NO MATTER HOW
YOU DEFY ME, I WILL
ALWAYS RETURN
TO HAUNT YOU!

BIG WORDS,
UGLY. UNFREEZE
ME AND SAY
THAT AGAIN.

PAH!

WITH THESE
RINGS, I WILL
REGAIN MY
TRANSCENDED
STATE!

I SHALL
FINALLY CLAIM
MOBOTROPOLIS
AS MY OWN...

... AND MAKE IT
THE CAPITAL OF MY
NEW WORLD--

--FUSED WITH
THE ZONE OF
SILENCE!

HHHA-HA-HA-HA!

IT'S ON.



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TO RUMBLE??

ON SALE
NOW!



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WHAT IF **EVIL**
RULED
THE ?
WORLD?

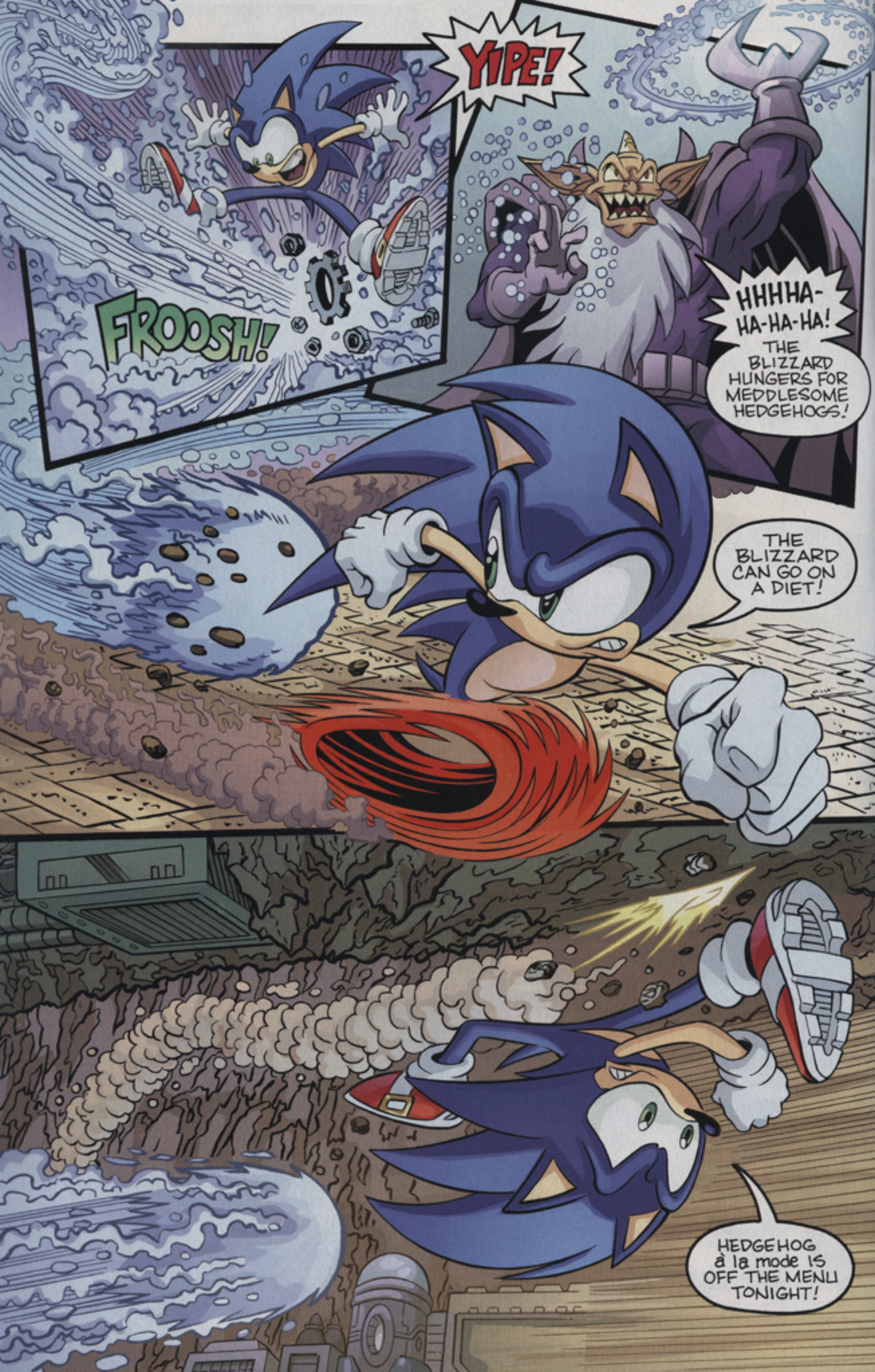
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YIPE!

FROOSH!

HHHHA-HA-HA-HA!

THE
BLIZZARD
HUNGERS FOR
MEDDLESOME
HEDGEHOGS!

THE
BLIZZARD
CAN GO ON
A DIET!

HEDGEHOG
à la mode IS
OFF THE MENU
TONIGHT!



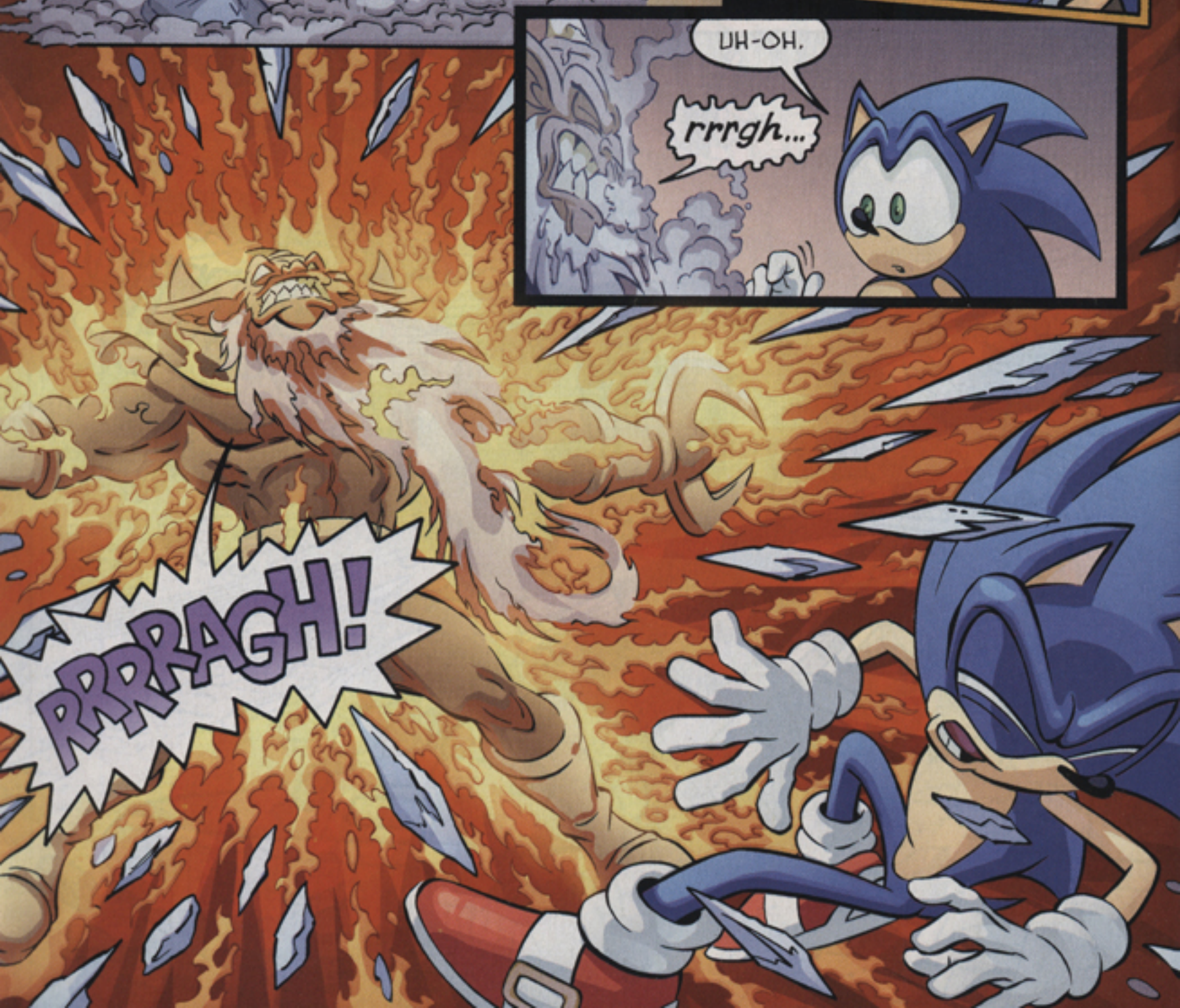
ACCEPT
YOUR ICY
TOMB!

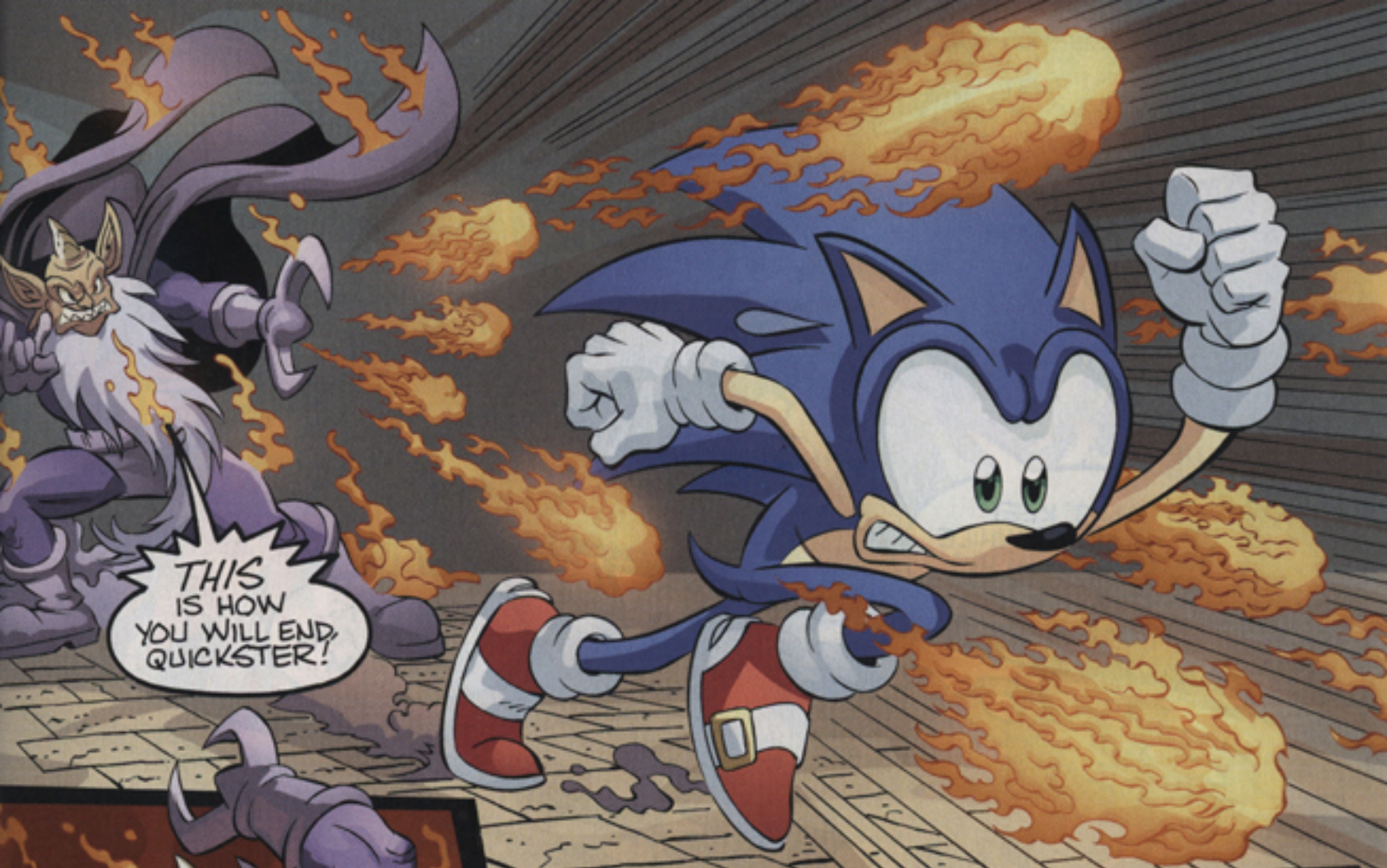
THERE
IS NOWHERE
TO RUN,
QUICKSTER!
NOWHERE
TO HIDE!

NAH...

GRAAAH!

...YOU
TAKE
IT!



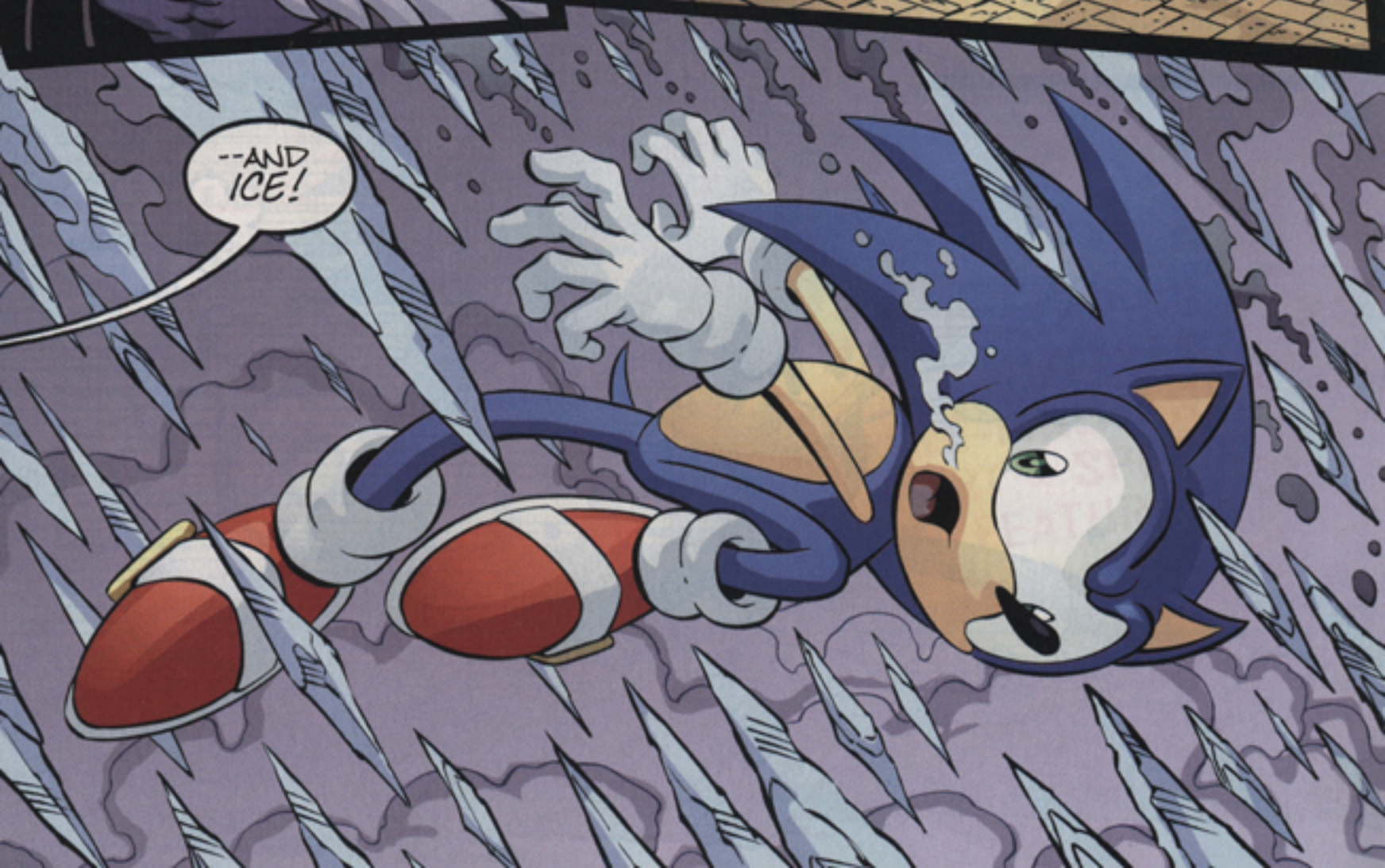


THIS
IS HOW
YOU WILL END,
QUICKSTER!



IN
FIRE--

FWOOSH!



--AND
ICE!



THIS IS
NUTS!

I CAN'T KEEP
UP THE PACE WHILE
NAUGUS IS IN HIS
ELEMENT...

...WHICH IS,
Y'KNOW, ALL
OF THEM...

"IF ONLY I COULD GET
A RING OR TWO. THAT
WOULD GIVE ME THE
EDGE I NEED."

BUT THEN
NAUGUS WOULD
GRAB SOME
TOO, AND IT'D
ONLY GET
WORSE.

...UNLESS...

LET THE WORLD TOUR BEGIN!



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SONIC VS. IXIS NAUGUS!

THIS COULD GET
UGLY.



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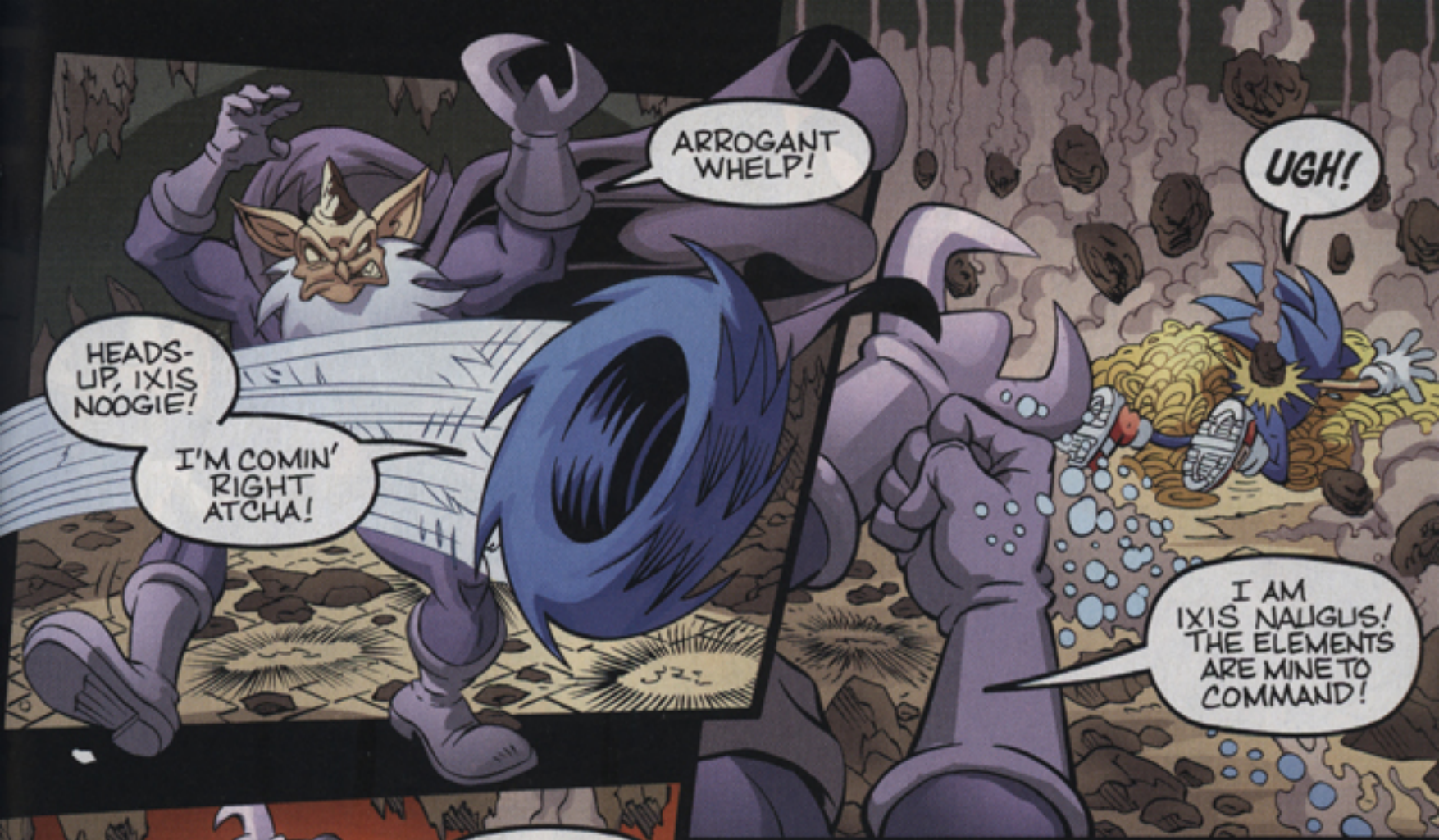
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**GRAB A
FRONT ROW
SEAT!**



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I'LL
ADMIT, I
DON'T HAVE
A LOT OF
FINESSE
WITH THIS
KIND OF
POWER...



SHA-KOON!

... BUT IT'S
ENOUGH TO
SEND YOU BACK
TO YOUR
CREEPY
ZONE!



CURSE
YOU,
SONIC!



THIS IS NOT
THE END OF IT!
MOBOTROPOLIS
WILL BE MINE!
I WILL
RETURN!



I WILL
RETURN
NNN
NNN
NN!



YEAH,
WELL, NO
HURRY.



SHA-KOOM!

AW, THAT TOOK ALL THE RING POWER.

OH WELL, IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.



WELL, EDDY, I PROTECTED YOUR RESTING PLACE FROM NAUGLUS--

--AND I MADE SURE HE DIDN'T USE YOUR BUDDY NATE'S RINGS FOR EVIL.

NOT BAD FOR A VISIT, HUH?

REST IN PEACE, BUDDY.



YOU WERE RIGHT.

WHAT?

I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE LAST I'D SEE OF HIM, BUT...



THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, YOU SAID YOU'D BE BACK, AND YOU WERE RIGHT.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE BOTH OF US...



TO BE CONTINUED IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #225
DR. EGGMAN'S GREATEST WEAPON IS ON SONIC'S DOORSTEP!
ONE OF SONIC'S FIERCEST VILLAINS IS RIGHT BESIDE HIM!
YOU CAN'T MISS ALL THE AMAZING ADVENTURE THIS YEAR!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic was born in the middle of the Great War and was originally named after his grandfathers (he later had his name legally changed to "Sonic" with no offense meant to his forebears). While very young, he lost his parents to the first clandestine Roboticization experiments. He was taken in by his uncle, Sir Charles Hedgehog, and briefly played delivery boy for his chili dog stand. After Dr. Robotnik's takeover, he escaped to Knothole.

Tragedy struck when Uncle Chuck was captured by Dr. Robotnik's forces and Roboticized. From there, Sonic threw his full support behind the Freedom Fighters and fought to liberate the kingdom. Sonic playfully took on Dr. Robotnik's first few generations of Badniks, growing in skill until, by his mid-teens, he posed a true threat to Dr. Robotnik's forces.

Sonic has always been at odds with his own nature: arrogant on the one hand, but unwavering in his heroism on the other. These traits were what both endeared him to and frustrated him to his first love, Sally Acorn.

Sonic has become a beacon of hope for the world. He's traveled the globe, and even traversed outer space, alternate dimensions, and time itself. He has been named the chosen hero of the multiverse, having over the course of his adventures faced down mad scientists, evil wizards and even gods with a smirk and a laugh.

While having lost his knighthood due to a past mistake, Sonic currently holds the rank of Gentleman-at-Arms within the Republic of Acorn. Sonic continues to take life with a breezy attitude, having fun whether taking on the forces of evil or kicking back with his guitar.

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

Sonic Archives vol.0

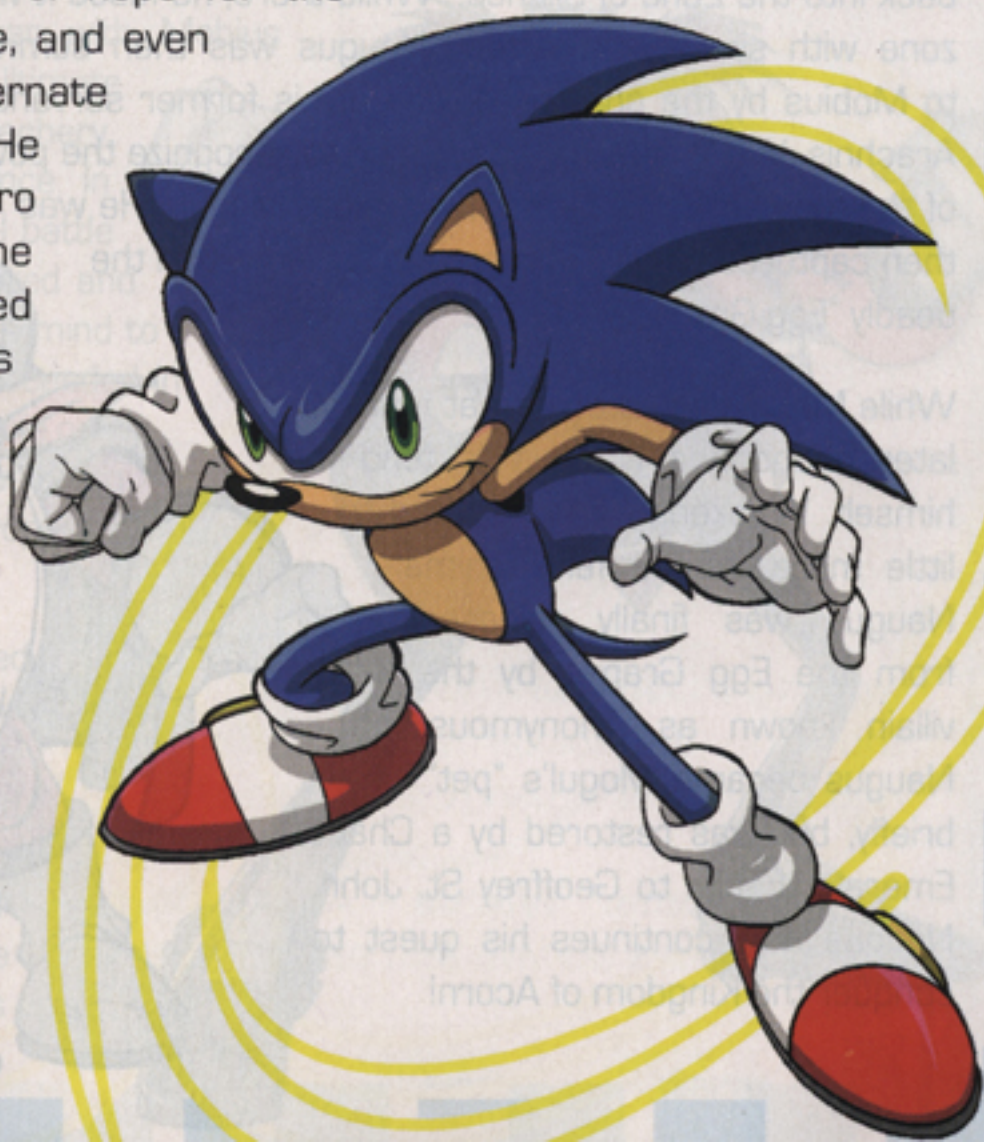
Abilities:

Super Speed – able to achieve upwards of Mach 1 on his own.

Figure-Eight Peel-Out – Sonic's legs spin like an "8" & he rockets off at super speed. His feet move so fast, he can hover in the air briefly.

Spin Dash – Sonic homes in on his target while curled into a concussive ball or cutting disk.

Super Sonic – with 7 Chaos Emeralds, he turns gold, invulnerable, and has all his natural skills increased exponentially.



IXIS NAUGUS

The Order of Ixis was virtually extinct. The once-powerful order of sorcery, founded by Mammoth Mogul, had devolved into crude "black magic" parlor tricks or corrupted into unstable "technomagic."

The very few remaining Ixis mages often fought over the scraps of knowledge leftover from their fall from power, but three worked together for a time. Agunus Rhino was a master of earth magic, Nusgau Bat of air magic, and Suguna Lobster of water magic. Each taught the other most of their craft while investigating the Order's past. When they could learn nothing more from each other they competed for the one element that eluded them: fire. The vicious rivalry appeared again, and the three were last seen struggling towards the Sun to claim its power. The mixing of powers fused the three into one, creating the being known as Ixis Naugus. Naugus held command over all of the elements and sought power. He offered himself as Royal Wizard to King Fredrick Acorn and served the Kingdom of Acorn. Here he found a small pocket dimension, the Zone of Silence, and developed it remotely.

As the Great War threatened Old Mobotropolis, Naugus decided to escape into the pocket zone he had been developing. Within the Zone of Silence, Naugus was nearly god-like. He perfected crystalline magic and used it to protect the other prisoners of the zone - including the exiled King Maximilian Acorn - for the price of their servitude. Many years later he escaped the zone with plans to first conquer the Kingdom of Acorn and then the rest of the world. Upon his escape, Naugus was fought to a stand-still by Sonic the Hedgehog and was banished back into the Zone of Silence. While there, he fused it with the Void - a stable neighboring zone with similar properties. Naugus was then summoned back to Mobius by the children of one of his former servants, Uma Arachnis. While free, he was forced to recognize the power of the founder of his Order: Mammoth Mogul. He was then captured by Dr. Eggman and sealed within the deadly "Egg Grapes."

While Mogul protected him at first, Mogul later abandoned Naugus to fend for himself. Weakened and reduced to little more than a feral animal, Naugus was finally released from the Egg Grapes by the villain known as Anonymous. Naugus became Mogul's "pet" briefly, but was restored by a Chaos Emerald thanks to Geoffrey St. John. Naugus now continues his quest to conquer the Kingdom of Acorn!

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

Sonic Archives vol.14 (STH#53)

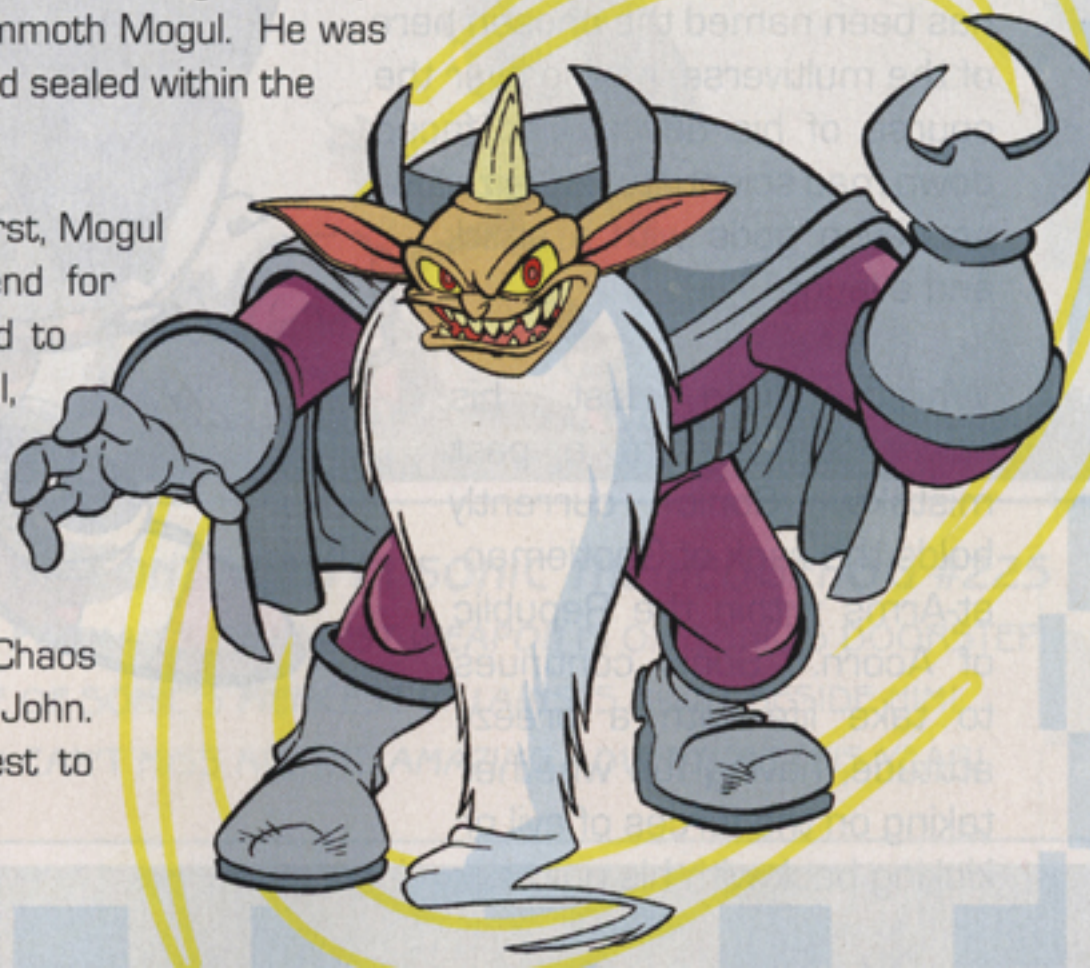
Abilities:

Elemental Magic - full command of the elements and can turn inorganic objects into crystal, which he can somewhat control.

Telepathy - can enter someone's thoughts and exaggerate any negative feelings that they have.

Possession - can inhabit the body of those who have sworn loyalty to him & submitted to his crystalline magic

Shadow-melding - the ability to enter into shadows, only to exit from another shadow elsewhere



DR. ROBOTNIK

IVO KINTOBOR "EGGMAN"

Dr. Eggman was born Julian Kintobor to Ivo & Bertha Kintobor. Living in Megaopolis, Julian studied under Nate Morgan before sabotaging him and taking over his lab. He later developed weapons for the Great War, using citizens as test subjects. The Minister of Justice, his brother, sentenced him to imprisonment, but Julian escaped and fled into the wilderness, where he was found by Jules and Charles Hedgehog.

Julian was granted asylum by King Maximilian Acorn. He was tutored in the art of war by Warlord Kodos, who found a kindred ruthless spirit despite his dislike for Overlanders. Kodos revealed his own plans to conquer the kingdom and Julian took the opportunity to betray Kodos and dump him in the Zone of Silence. With Kodos's tactics and his own genius, Julian turned the tide of the war and organized the final duel between King Acorn and Overlord Charlemagne.

Using a year of peacetime to prepare, Julian launched a coup d'etat against his foster nation. His conquest used three key tools: the robots he had designed for Mobotropolis, Kodos's plans, and the roboticizer. Julian had happened upon Sir Charles Hedgehog's research and sabotaged the roboticizer, a device capable of turning flesh and blood into machine, ensuring that the would-be medical miracle was now a tool for mass enslavement. He conquered the city in hours, and then rechristened himself "Dr. Ivo Robotnik" after his beloved father and maternal-grandfather.

He then systematically set about conquering the world. While he was met with resistance, nothing occupied his attention more than the Knothole Freedom Fighters and especially Sonic the Hedgehog. Here time takes two paths: in the Prime Universe Dr. Robotnik's war with Mobius culminated with the firing of his Ultimate Annihilator. Thanks to Snively's treachery, Dr. Robotnik was erased from existence. In an alternate zone, however, his final battle with Sonic led to him being roboticized and his body destroyed. He uploaded his mind to an incomplete satellite where he succeeded in rebuilding his body and destroying all life on his Mobius. This Dr. Robotnik then traveled to the Prime Zone and claimed Robotropolis as his empire.

Although his robot body was destroyed a few times, he would upload his consciousness into a new body - the body now commonly called "Dr. Eggman." It was a nickname he loathed, and in an effort of self-empowerment, he embraced the name and even applied it to his holdings - the Eggman Empire.

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

As Julian Kintobor - Sonic Archives vol.11

As Dr. Robotnik - Sonic Archives vol.0

As "Dr. Eggman" - Sonic the Hedgehog #75

Abilities:

Genius - despite his eccentric behavior, Dr. Robotnik possesses an unmatched intellect, able to envision and build just about anything.



THE ORIGINAL DR. ROBOTNIK CONFRONTS WHAT WOULD LATER BECOME "ROBOTNIK 2," OR "EGGMAN"



FREEDOM FIGHTERS

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

Sonic the Hedgehog
Miniseries #0

CLASSIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS



The Freedom Fighters were a band of young and talented children hidden in the secret village of Knothole. They were inspired by the Original Freedom Fighters and carried on in their stead. Their early adventures were like grand games, despite being perilous at times.



Sonic the Hedgehog – A brash show-off who was more interested in having fun than being a fighter, but who quickly learned the importance of his friends and their mission.

Princess Sally Acorn – The crown princess and heir apparent to the Kingdom of Acorn. She was the leader from the start and the driving force behind the team.

Antoine D'Coolette – With his family claimed by Dr. Robotnik's coup d'etat, the jittery boy soldier had something to prove – to himself, to his friends, and to his first crush (the princess).

Rotor "Boomer" Walrus – A budding inventor whose gadgets helped the child warriors survive and escape many of their early perils.

CURRENT FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Sonic the Hedgehog — As brash as ever, Sonic has grown into a true and noble hero (despite the ego).

Miles "Tails" Prower — A junior member who has proved himself time and again, earning his place as a full-fledged member.

Amy Rose — Like Tails, Amy has worked hard to prove her worth to the team. Of all the members, she is the most recent official member.

Princess Sally Acorn — Although having been called away on royal duty in the past, Sally remains the active field leader.

Bunnie "Rabbit" D'Coolette — Half-roboticized by Dr. Robotnik and rescued by Sonic, she uses her incredible bionic abilities to provide the team with a heavy-hitter.

Antoine D'Coolette — His ego has been tamed, his skills refined, and his cowardice put in check . . . mostly.

Nicole — Once merely Sally's computer, Nicole's growth in her abilities and range have earned her an honorary spot on the team.



DEATH EGG

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance:

Sonic the Hedgehog:
The Death Egg Saga
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THE ORIGINAL DEATH EGG

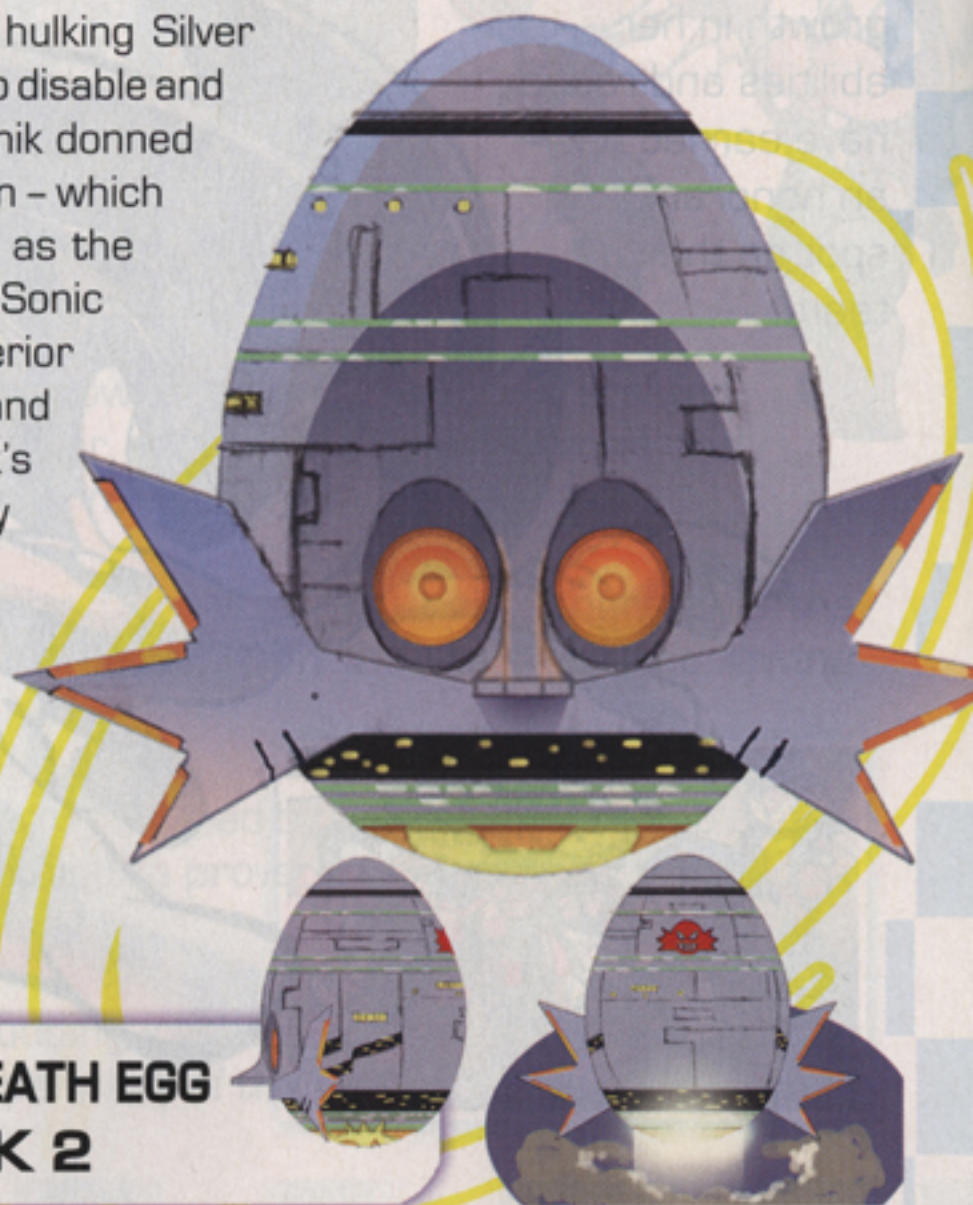


It was meant to be Dr. Ivo Robotnik's greatest creation to date and the final blow to Mobius. The Death Egg was built to be an orbital space station with the power to roboticize the entire planet in one fell swoop. Powered by countless power rings, it was immune to attack. It was launched in total secrecy, so the Freedom Fighters were unprepared to mobilize against it. It should've been a total success.

However, the Death Egg was plagued with bad luck. It was underpowered at launch and never reached the outer atmosphere. When it vacuumed up its cache of power rings, it also took on thousands of pounds of excess debris which kept it low in the sky. Sonic and Tails accidentally happened upon it and managed to sneak inside, thus bypassing the impervious armor. It was also used to attempt to sink Angel Island and steal its Chaos Emerald, though that attack was repelled by the Chaotix.

The interior was guarded by the hulking Silver Sonic v1.0, which Sonic managed to disable and pilot like mobile armor. Dr. Robotnik donned his own armor – the Eggs-o-Skeleton – which was run off the same power grid as the Death Egg. His battle with Silver Sonic v1.0 tore up the Death Egg's interior while Tails overloaded its reactor and blew it up from within. Dr. Robotnik's greatest creation went out quickly and ignobly, but to the benefit of the rest of the world...

...or so we thought. Now Eggman has revealed that the EggDome, which served as his base of operations in New Megaopolis, is really the new Death Egg! What is this NEW Death Egg capable of? Read Sonic #225 to find out!!!



THE DEATH EGG MARK 2

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